

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A voting apparatus comprising:
2 (a) a print media receiving unit including a surface suitable for receiving a
3 printed medium containing two or more choices;
4 (b) an electronic position determining system capable of determining a
5 position of a selection of the two or more choices on the print medium when the print
6 medium is disposed on the surface; and
7 (c) an information storage medium capable of storing the selection.

1 2. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the information storage medium is in
2 the form of a cartridge.

1 3. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the electronic position determining
2 system further comprises a stylus coupled to the print media receiving unit.

1 4. The voting apparatus of claim 1 further comprising the print medium.

1 5. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the print medium is a voting ballot.

1 6. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the print medium includes a plurality
2 of apertures through which a voter inserts a stylus to punch one or more holes in a ballot
3 disposed underneath the print medium.

1 7. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the print medium includes a plurality
2 of apertures through which a voter inserts a stylus to mark on or more locations on a ballot
3 disposed underneath the print medium.

1 8. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the surface is cooperatively
2 structured to receive the print medium.

1 9. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the electronic position determining
2 system includes a plurality of signal transmitting elements disposed within the print media
3 receiving unit, and wherein the voting apparatus includes a stylus that comprises a signal
4 receiving element.

1 10. The voting apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
2 a display device coupled to the print media receiving unit.

- 1 11. The voting apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
2 a voting booth.
- 1 12. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the print media receiving unit further
2 comprises a button that is adapted to be depressed for recording a vote or a region that is
3 adapted to be selected by a stylus for recording a vote.
- 1 13. A voting system comprising:
2 the voting apparatus of claim 1; and
3 a module for resetting the information storage medium.
- 1 14. A voting system comprising:
2 the voting apparatus of claim 1;
3 a client computer adapted to receive a vote from the voting apparatus; and
4 a server computer in operative communication with the client computer for
5 receiving the vote from the client computer, and for tabulating the vote along with other
6 votes.
- 1 15. A method for voting comprising:
2 using any of the voting apparatus of claim 1 to vote for a candidate.
- 1 16. A voting apparatus comprising:
2 (a) a print media receiving unit including a surface suitable for receiving a
3 print medium containing two or more choices;
4 (b) an electronic position determining system capable of determining a
5 position of a selection of the two or more choices on the print medium when the print
6 medium is disposed on the surface, the electronic position determining system including (i) a
7 plurality of signal transmitting elements under the surface, (ii) a processor operatively
8 coupled to the plurality of signal transmitting elements, (iii) a memory including electronic
9 maps containing the choices and the locations of the choices in the print medium, and (iv) a
10 stylus coupled to the print media receiving unit, wherein the stylus includes a signal receiving
11 element; and
12 (c) an information storage medium capable of storing the selection.

1 17. The voting apparatus of claim 16 comprising:
2 a slot underneath the surface adapted to receive a voting ballot.

1 18. The voting apparatus of claim 16 further comprising the print medium,
2 wherein the print medium is a voting ballot.

1 19. The voting apparatus of claim 16 further comprising a page detection system
2 that is adapted to automatically determine which page of the print medium is currently being
3 displayed.

1 20. The voting apparatus of claim 16 wherein the information storage medium is
2 in the form of a cartridge.